



Catholic Charities Newsletter

Creating Hope, Transforming Lives

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JULY 2024

As we begin another exciting season at Catholic Charities' Camp Nazareth this year, I reflect with great pride on the collective efforts it has taken on the part of our entire staff, volunteers, Board of Director's, and donor partners to put this important program on for area youth this year.

We have a few new surprises this year at Camp Nazareth including a fully stocked camp Nazareth camp store with snacks, Camp Nazareth apparel and camping gear. Our facilities have been significantly upgraded due to the tireless efforts of our outstanding facilities management team and the efforts of volunteers from the Little Long Lake Association, our neighbors on the lake. Most importantly, we are providing opportunities for a unique summer camp experience for close to 300 area youth from diverse and varied backgrounds. Through the support of individual and corporate donors, such as First Source FCU and Stewarts Shops, we have managed to keep the cost of camp at a level that is accessible for most families, and we have also been able to offer partial and full camperships to young people who might otherwise not have the resources to attend camp. The many efforts of staff, volunteers, donors, and friends have shown that, with teamwork and a shared vision, truly great things can happen.

My sincere thanks to all!!



Jack Callaghan
Executive Director

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WELCOME



OUR MISSION

Catholic Charities of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse is dedicated to caring for those in need while promoting human development, collaboration, and the elimination of poverty and injustice. We strive to empower those served to transform their lives in the spirit of God's love and compassion.

WELCOME
to the Team

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Nicole Lawrence
Lara Mannix
Chrystel Maurey
Jessica Tallant
Dan Wagner
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CELEBRATING MILESTONES

35 Years - Carrie Nolan
30 Years - Debi Bick
30 Years - Julie Comito
30 Years - Angela Potaczala
25 Years - Jack Callaghan
15 Years - Kelly Reisel-Rodriguez
15 Years - Koryn Zegarelli
15 Years - Virginia Campau
5 Years - Nick Vella
5 Years - Susan Miner
5 Years - Julie Stoddard
5 Years - Marsha Wilcox
5 Years - Maureen Tabaka



ABOUT US

Since 1926, Catholic Charities mission has been to care for others while promoting human development, collaboration, and the elimination of poverty and injustice.

We recognize that poverty, mental illness, substance abuse, and homelessness are prevailing issues that currently affect many in our community.

Catholic Charities provides services to those most in need in both Oneida & Madison County, assisting a vast range of individuals, families, and special needs populations.

We do this through a variety of programs including but not limited to residential services and mental health care, emergency community assistance (including our food pantry and pet pantry), Camp Nazareth, and CYO Basketball.

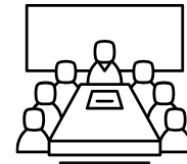
More than tangible items; we also offer hope, encouragement, optimism, and strength for the future to thousands of individuals each year. Our services are provided regardless of an individual's ability to pay, serving everyone regardless of religion, race, sexual orientation, disability, or nationality.

Join us in our fight against poverty, hunger, homelessness, and hopelessness.



Leadership Team

From left to right: Ilene Smith- Chief Quality Improvement Officer, Renee Coppins- Chief Program Officer, Jeff Gilbert- Chief Financial Officer, Jack Callaghan- Executive Director, Rhiannon Pysnik- Chief Human Resource Officer, Victoria Paolozzi- Chief Administration Officer



Our Area Board of Directors

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Thank You

IN THE COMMUNITY

Catholic Charities Oneida/Madison County is dedicated to serving families who are going through a financial hardship during the holidays.

Throughout the season of giving, we were reminded of the power we can collectively provide to those most in need.

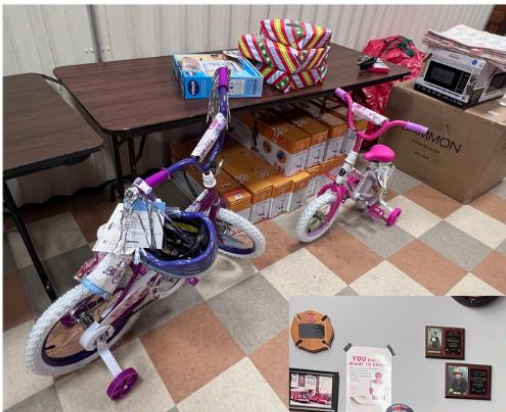
Our goal was to provide gifts to local families including toys, household items, clothes, and grocery store gift cards.

The generosity of our community and local businesses to support this initiative was overwhelming.

Our shared values of compassion and giving back reaffirm our commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. Our sincerest gratitude to every community member, local business, volunteer, and staff member that participated.

Because of you, we served 140 families and 391 children in Oneida and Madison Counties for our 2023 Christmas Campaign.

We thank you for allowing us to make a significant impact and embody the true spirit of the season.



THANK YOU
 Mastrovito Hyundai
 Utica Fire Department
 NBT Bank
 Utica Public Library
 Dunham Public Library
 16 Stone Brewpub - Holland
 Patent, NY
 SPI Utica
 Michele Mandia and Friends





IN THE COMMUNITY

And the Winner is...

Catholic Charities Oneida/Madison County was honored to be selected as the 2023 Greater Utica Chamber's Business of the Year in the Not-for-Profit with over 50 employees category!



On April 30th, we hosted our second in-house Career Fair. More than 45 candidates stopped by with their resumes for an opportunity to work at Catholic Charities or Camp Nazareth!

Thank you to the CCOM staff who welcomed attendees, assisted with applications, and conducted on the spot interviews to make this day a success.



IN THE COMMUNITY

In June, the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a networking event for the Rome Young Professionals Exchange (RYPE) at Copper City Brewing. Attendees were encouraged to bring a donation for our Pet Pantry situated inside our Food Pantry in Rome.

Because of everyone's generosity, we were able to re-stock our shelves with dog food and cat food! Last year alone, our pet pantry helped 121 households in Rome with pet food and supplies. We only hope to continue enabling families and individuals keep their pets at home by reducing their pet food bill. We thank all that made a donation to help serve our furry friends.



Our staff had a great time participating in ICAN's Par 4 Kids Ladies Golf Tournament to benefit Evelyn's House!





PROGRAMS & SERVICES

FOOD PANTRY & PET PANTRY

Catholic Charities Oneida/Madison County operates a food pantry located at 199 W Dominick St. in Rome, which offers food to individuals and households in need.

Last year alone, we served more than 2,700 Rome residents by providing meals through this program, while our pet pantry helped 121 households with pet food and supplies.

The Food Bank of Central New York has shared our 2023 Agency Impact Summary reflecting the impact our partnership has had in our community in our fight against hunger and food insecurity.

For more information about our Food Pantry and Pet Pantry, visit our website: www.catholiccharitiesom.org/food-pantry

Days of Operation

Tuesday through Friday
 9:30am - 11:30am and 1:15pm - 3:15pm
 Phone: (315) 337-8600



Partner Agency:
 Rome CC Emergency
 Assistance Food Pantry

Friends,

No metric can fully measure the impact of our work together – the sense of relief provided to our neighbors, friends, and families facing hunger by what we accomplish together.

On behalf of our neighbors in central New York, northern New York, and the Mohawk Valley, Karen Belcher, Food Bank's Executive Director, and the Food Bank's Board of Directors, I extend sincere thanks for your partnership in 2023.

This summary estimates how our partnership impacted the fight against hunger in your community in 2023.

In partnership,

Michael W

Michael Watrous
 Director of Community Impact

2023 AGENCY IMPACT SUMMARY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

28,300
 TOTAL FOOD POUNDS
 DISTRIBUTED

1,351
 DONATED POUNDS DISTRIBUTED,
 WITH A VALUE OF
\$2,607.43



4,001
 USDA POUNDS DISTRIBUTED,
 WITH A VALUE OF
\$6,281.57

\$21,028.57
 2023 ESTIMATED SUPPORT

Data represents January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. All values are estimates. Valuations of donated and USDA foods are calculated using an average dollar per pound of food items.



Reminder: Our Pet Pantry also welcomes donations of unopened dog food, cat food, and cat litter.



YOUTH SERVICES

Catholic Charities Oneida/Madison County offers CYO Basketball for kids, a youth basketball league in the Mohawk Valley. This program provides youth the opportunity to play basketball in a league that promotes a positive culture that is safe and where there is respect between all involved including players, coaches, fans, officials, and CYO Staff.



Thank you to all our volunteers, coaches, and supporters for another great CYO Basketball season!

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YOUTH SERVICES



A sincere thank you to our friends at First Source Federal Credit Union who generously donated \$4,500 to our Camp Nazareth Financial Assistance fund! This contribution allows us the opportunity to provide children with the chance to go to camp that they might not otherwise have. The First Source Federal Credit Union team also joined us for Camp Clean-Up Day to help us prepare for campers' arrival! We are beyond grateful for their commitment to our local community and support of Camp Nazareth.

Thank you Edwin J. Wadas Foundation for featuring us this month! Because of their generosity, we were able to purchase new kayaks, paddles, and life jackets for Camp.



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Welcome Camp Naz 2024 Staff

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 Gavin Reid
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 Emer Callaghan
 Riley Decker
 Kee Mora Harper
 Jacob Hickey
 Alix Kohli

Haylee Kowalewsky
 Jonah LaFountain
 Elijah Lincoln Robins
 Alissa Lyga
 Autumn McLain
 Nicole Mora
 Angelina Pettinelli
 Robert Pulluaim
 Mary Ryan
 Rachel Shalna
 Alex Waterman
 Shaniya Williams



YOUTH SERVICES



THANK YOU to all the volunteers and staff members that spent many hours cleaning and prepping our camp property. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to Camp Nazareth!





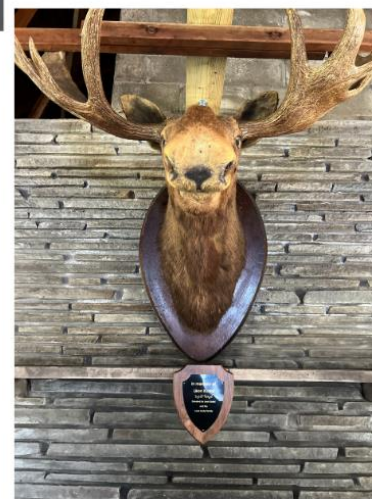
YOUTH SERVICES



Camp Season is here!
 We are excited to share
 many updates this year at
 Camp Nazareth,
 especially in our Canteen!
 Parents and campers now
 have the chance to
 purchase new items and
 Camp Naz merchandise
 during drop off/pick up
 hours and during their
 weekly campership!

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AT CCOM



In December, we recognized and celebrated not only several staff members for their years of service with Catholic Charities, but all employees for their dedication to our agency at our Holiday Party.

Years of service ranged from 5 years to 35 years with our organization!

Our employees and guests enjoyed delicious food, dessert, photo booth fun, and music to celebrate the season and year of hard work.





AT CCOM



On Administrative Professionals Day we expressed our gratitude and appreciation to our administrative staff for their hard work and dedication to our agency!



Our staff had a SOUPER time tasting and voting for their favorite soup and chili made by their colleagues.



There was some spicy competition!





AT CCOM

LIVING ANNUAL REPORT

On June 20th our Board of Directors and staff gathered for our Living Annual Report.

Each year staff members are selected to share an impact story and their experience working at Catholic Charities Oneida/Madison County.

We sincerely appreciate those who shared their emotional, uplifting, and heartfelt experiences working at our organization.

Thank you to our Board of Directors and staff who attended today, and to Lafa for the delicious lunch!





WAYS TO GIVE

It is the purpose of Catholic Charities to serve without judgement those most in need, meeting them where they are, to create hope and transform lives.

Your support will help us in our fight against poverty, hunger, mental illness, & homelessness.

To learn more about ways to give, contact:
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DONATE ONLINE:

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MAIL A CHECK:

Checks may be payable to "Catholic Charities Oneida/Madison County" and mailed to 1408 Genesee St. Utica, NY 13502



MAKE A LEGACY GIFT:

Planning to give to Catholic Charities as part of your estate planning is a great way you can help us out. Consult your legal counsel to explore your options.



SPONSOR:

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VOLUNTEER:

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